WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday July 6th

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME Many Gifts, One Spirit UMH 114

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.  
**With bright eyes, let us search.**  
This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.  
**With engaged minds, let us ponder.**  
This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.  
**With compassionate hearts, let us feel.**  
  
This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.  
**With solid devotion, let us follow.**  
  
This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.  
**With humble intention, let us act.**  
This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.  
**With strong voices, let us sing.**

— written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson on her blog, **Freshly Squeezed Liturgy.**<http://freshlysqueezedliturgy.blogspot.com/>

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we come to you as a people who know your love.  
For that we give thanks and praise.  
But Lord,**

**we know there are many persons in our world who don’t know you.**

**We bring before you those who are lost,  
who feel alone, abandoned, and hopeless.  
Some live in our own neighborhoods, our own city.  
We pray that we may be able to reach them with the message  
that through your grace they might know a different life,  
in which restored and renewed, loved and fulfilled,  
they might in turn go on to reach others.  
Amen.**

**~ written by the Rev Dr Philippa Horrex of Wanganui, and posted on the Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand website.**[**http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources/lectionary-resources/year-c-luke/kit-5**](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources/lectionary-resources/year-c-luke/kit-5)

TIME OF PRAYER

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN Standing on the Promises UMH 374

LESSON 1 Galatians 6:7-16 CEB

**7**Make no mistake, God is not mocked. A person will harvest what they plant. **8**Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. **9**Let’s not get tired of doing good, because in time we’ll have a harvest if we don’t give up. **10**So then, let’s work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith.

**11**Look at the large letters I’m making with my own handwriting! **12**Whoever wants to look good by human standards will try to get you to be circumcised, but only so they won’t be harassed for the cross of Christ. **13**Those who are circumcised don’t observe the Law themselves, but they want you to be circumcised, so they can boast about your physical body.

**14**But as for me, God forbid that I should boast about anything except for the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through him, and I have been crucified to the world. **15**Being circumcised or not being circumcised doesn’t mean anything. What matters is a new creation. **16**May peace and mercy be on whoever follows this rule and on God’s Israel.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

\*LESSON 2 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 CEB

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. **2**He said to them, “The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. **3**Go! Be warned, though, that I’m sending you out as lambs among wolves. **4**Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don’t even greet anyone along the way. **5**Whenever you enter a house, first say, ‘May peace be on this house.’ **6**If anyone there shares God’s peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. **7**Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don’t move from house to house. **8**Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. **9**Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘God’s kingdom has come upon you.’ **10**Whenever you enter a city and the people don’t welcome you, go out into the streets and say, **11**‘As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God’s kingdom has come to you.’

**16**Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

**17**The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name.”

**18**Jesus replied, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. **19**Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. **20**Nevertheless, don’t rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven.”

This is the Word of God for all people.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Right place at the Right time

\*HYMN Praise the Source of Faith and Learning TFWS 2004

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Call to Confession (Pastor)**

**Prayer of Confession (liturgist)**

O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples

without purse, luggage, or sandals.

All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don’t need,

looking for safety by avoiding risk,

and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down.

Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

**Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary,

but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all.

And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt

erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out.

Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make

and heal us of our exhaustion.

**Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman,

we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts

in flashy and dramatic ways.

We then fail to see how you are at work

in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life.

Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

**Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

***Silent Prayer***

**Assurance of forgiveness (liturgist)**

There is no pain that God cannot heal.

There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.

Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God’s forgiveness.

Come and be restored.  Let God make you whole.

**Thanks be to God!  Amen.**

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OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,

giver of every good and perfect gift,

teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,

that we may praise you not with our words only,

but with our whole lives. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right…and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you…as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour our your Holy Spirit…now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer after receiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION Shalom UMH 666

POSTLUDE